Management, Technical Inspection, Approval and procurement.

(b) Total sanctioned cost of the Project is Rs 966.7 crores. The Canadian assistance is Cdn. $ 166 millions. The Foreign Exchange component to the Project is covered by a concessional credit from Export Development Corporation of Canada.

(c) and (d). Met-chem has been engaged by the Canadian Commercial Corporation as executing agency for Rajmahal Open Cast Coal Mine. In the course of executing the contract, Met-chem will be supplying engineering services and procuring equipments including mining, earthmoving, communication etc. As per the Articles of agreement Canadian commercial Corporation is fully responsible for implementation of the Project.

Action Plan for development of abandoned collieries in Bihar

7343. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of COAL be please to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan for the development and afforestation of old and abandoned collieries in the State of Bihar; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Restoration of land and implementation of environmental safeguards in old worked out mines has beeni identified as one of the thrust areas during 8th Five Year Plan period. An amount of Rs. 75 crores has been provided in the overall outlay for the 8th Five Year Plan fo rundertaking the environmental restoration and subsidence control measures in the coalfield areas including those located in Bihar. In addition a diagnostic study for dealing with coalfield fires in Hharia Coalfield in Bihar has also been taken up with the assistance of the World Bank.

Development of roads in colliery areas in Bihar

7344. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been spent during the last three years by Government and Coal Companies for the development of roads in colliery areas of Bihar with details of each year;

(b) what was the total stretch of roads developed during the said period; and

(c) how much amount has been earmarked for the development of roads in Colliery areas of Bihar during the Eighth Plan period with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), money spent by the coal companies in Bihar during the last three years for development of roads was as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	1768.30
1992-93	975.45
1993-94	1572.55

The above figures include the amounts disbursed by the Govt. in Ministry